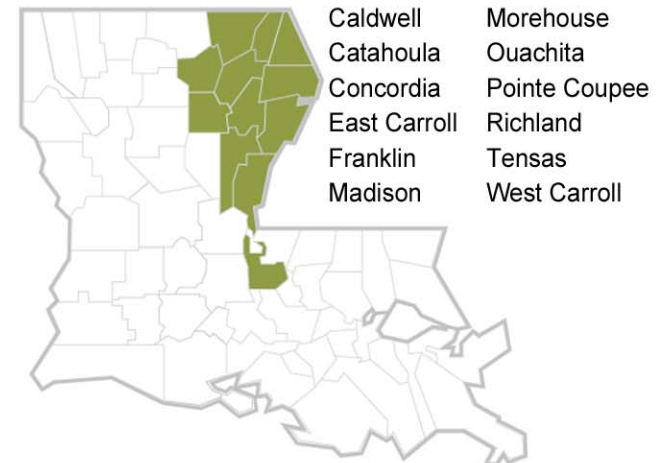


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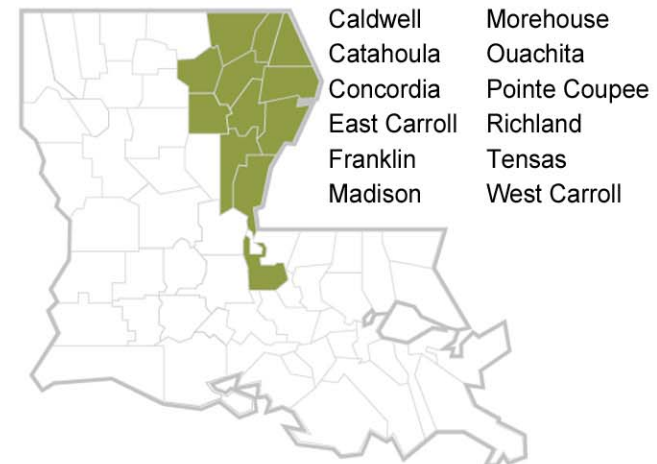
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LONG TERM

- Improve existing water, sewer, roads and bridges
- Examine the feasibility of an Intermodal facility at the Junction of I-20 and U.S. Hwy 65
- Conduct a regional needs analysis of community infrastructure (water, sewer, roads)
- Conduct a regional housing needs analysis; identify CDCs that are building houses and where



SHORT TERM GOALS:

Advocate for the Re-Activation of the Louisiana Broadband Advisory Council

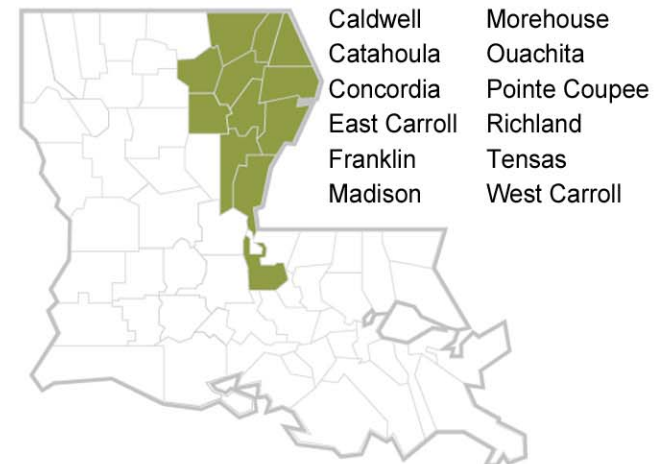
- In late February, the LDI team wrote a letter to every State Senator, State Representative and Governor Jindal asking for the re-activation of the Louisiana Broadband Advisory Council. This letter was supported by Commissioner Foster Campbell.
- In late March, Governor Jindal announced the Louisiana Broadband Advisory Council would be re-activated ; appointments have followed
- LDI strongly believes broadband deployment can enhance economic development in the LDI region



SHORT TERM GOALS:

Organize and Coordinate Broadband Infrastructure Symposium

- Bring together diverse group of experts to learn about best practices for deployment
- Engage economists, engineers, technology companies, providers, legislators in the LDI region and the Louisiana Broadband Advisory Council members



MEDIUM TERM GOALS:

Advocate for the Use of Best Practices to Deploy Broadband in Rural Communities

- Create regional maps of service area provider coverage and gaps
- Examine the cost structure of deploying alternative broadband technologies
- Communicate findings to region to create dialogue about improving connectivity

Advocate for funding acquisition for LDI to coordinate broadband deployment

- Stimulus funding possible
- Pilot test technology deployment in some areas

